

REMARKS

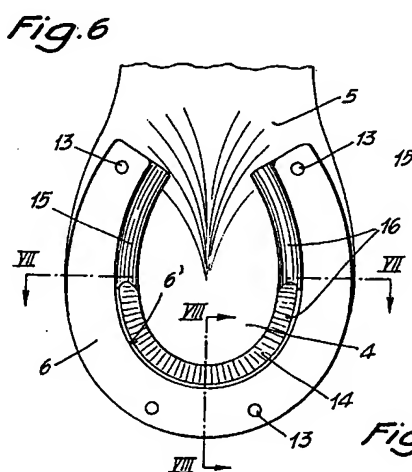
In the Final Action mailed December 17, 2004, the Examiner rejected independent claim 13 and dependent claims 14-25 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 3,952,807 (herein 807) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,401,828 (herein 828). In rendering this rejection, the Examiner wrote in part that 807 included a "... hump being formed of separate portions (see fig. 6, the humps 15 separate at the front area at ref. 14) so as to provide an interruption along its extent substantially adjacent connection of said legs...". However, since a clear reading of 807 indicates that no such separate portions are present, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection.

Independent claim 13 recites the use of a hump that is "formed of separate portions so as to provide an interruption along its extent substantially adjacent connection of said legs." See claim 13, lines 9-11. The 807 patent, however, recites the use of a bulge-like enlarged portion 16 that, as shown in fig. 6 and elsewhere, extends *continuously* around the insert and does not include an interruption.

To further clarify this point, a copy of fig. 6 is shown at the right. Further, 807 states the following:

This simplification in fitting the insert is attained in that a bulge-like enlarged portion 16 of triangular cross-section 14, FIG. 10, or tubular cross-section 15, FIG. 12, or **part-triangular 14 and part-tubular 15 cross-section ...**

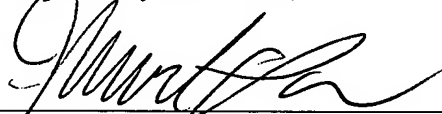
807, Col. 2, lines 59-63.



Accordingly, as can be seen, the bulge-like enlarged portion 16 of fig. 6 consists of a triangular cross section portion 14 and a tubular cross-section 15. However, in addition to use by the enlarged portion 16 of fig. 6 of two construction types, it is clear that the enlarged portion 16 does extend continuously around the insert and does not include an interruption.

Therefore, in view of the above remarks, Applicant submits that the application is now in proper form for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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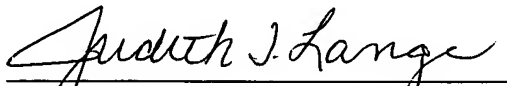
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